



**Join us** for an exciting, interactive day exploring an innovative, groundbreaking framework to improve instructional practices for young children PreK through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. We are uniting valued experts in early childhood or elementary education from across Vermont to gather and review various perspectives to:

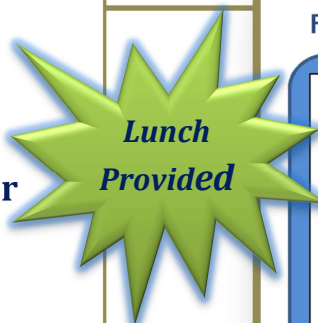
- Discuss the impact of developmentally appropriate teaching strategies
- Focus on improving school experiences
- Promote use of education research and data

**Who:** School Community Teams  
including PreK Partners

**When:** Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015  
Check-in: 9:30 a.m.  
Session: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Capitol Plaza Hotel and  
Conference Center, Montpelier

**Registration:**  
<https://www.research.net/s/PreK-3Session>



#### FirstSchool Instructional Practices for Achieving Equity

##### Culture of Caring



Nurture Positive Relationships  
Strengthen Self-Efficacy & Racial/Cultural Identity  
Develop the Whole Child

##### Culture of Competence



Prioritize Communication  
Promote Peer Interactions  
Develop Self-Regulation  
Encourage Independence

##### Culture of Excellence



Balance Teaching Approaches  
Integrate & Balance Curriculum  
Build Higher-Order Thinking

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